# 2021 BMS Summer Reading

All of the students enrolled at Bernardsville Middle School (Rising 6th-8th graders) will be required to read at least **two** books over the summer, a personal choice book and a book from the BMS Summer Reading List.

**(Rising 5th graders will be required to read one personal choice book.)**

**Book 1: Personal Choice Book***: Students (Rising 5th-8th graders) will select and read one personal choice book. The reading of this text is aligned with the English department's objectives that students read for enjoyment, develop and maintain reading stamina, build author knowledge and cultivate a reading life. Students will be expected to discuss this personal choice book with their teachers and classmates when they return to school in September. Students may also read a magazine/periodical throughout the summer to fulfill this component.

**Book 2: BMS Summer Reading List Book***: Students (Rising 6th-8th graders only) will select and read one of the books listed below, according to grade level. The reading of this book, similar to the personal choice book, is also aligned with the English department's objectives. This book, however, will serve an additional purpose; that is, students will prepare to discuss the content of this text through three lenses: Making Connections, Theme and Symbolism. Please see the note-taking page for support in this work.

*The English department anticipates that parents and guardians will additionally preview, consider and help approve selections.

***The English department encourages all of its students to read extensively beyond the required two books and to be mindful of the necessity of sustained summer reading to maintain reading stamina and achievement.***

## Selections for Rising 6th Graders (Choose one):

*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
*A Wish In The Dark* by Christina Soontornvat
*Brave Like That* by Lindsey Stoddard
*Normal* by Magdalena and Nathaniel Newman
*Becoming Muhammed Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

## Selections for Rising 7th Graders (Choose one):

*Wink* by Rob Harrell
*Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone
*The Eagle Huntress* by Aisholpan Nurgaiv
*Show Me A Sign* by Ann Clare LaZotte
*Before The Ever After* by Jacqulene Woodson

## Selections for Rising 8th Graders (Choose one):

*Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang
*Everything Sad Is Untrue* by Nayeri
*Millionaires For The Month* by Stacy McAnulty
*Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel
*Punching The Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

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Writing About Reading

Name: _____ Title: _____ Author: _____

*Please read widely and often this summer. Maintaining your reading stamina and achievement is more important than ever. Read from a variety of sources. Reread favorite books. Think and talk about your reading.*

Directions: Choose one book from the 2021 BMS Summer Reading List respective to your 2021-2022 grade. Use the thinking prompts below to focus your reading. Jot an idea you have for each topic, and provide evidence from the book to support your ideas. (Remember to cite the page numbers within parentheses.) Feel free to use this chart to capture your notes, or take notes on these topics in your own way - in a reading notebook, using sketches and annotations, etc. These notes will help you during the first few days of school when you will chat about your summer reading in English class. What better way is there to build community at the start of a new school year than to share a good book with your classmates and hear about some great reads in return? HAPPY READING!

| Making Connections | Theme | Symbolism |
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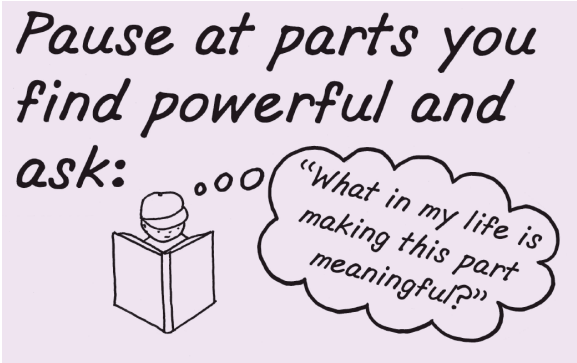
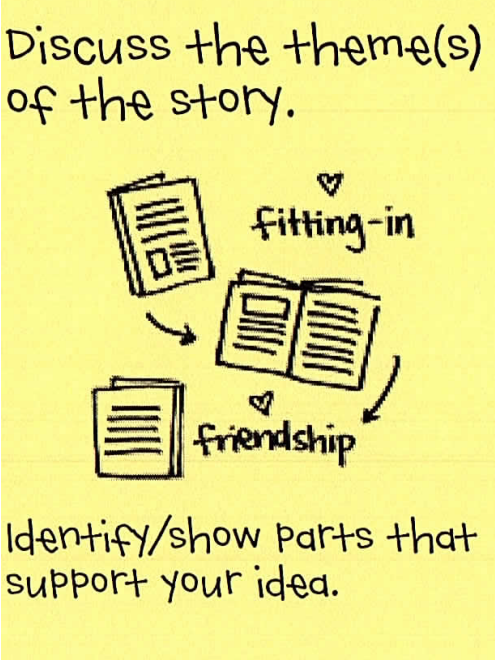
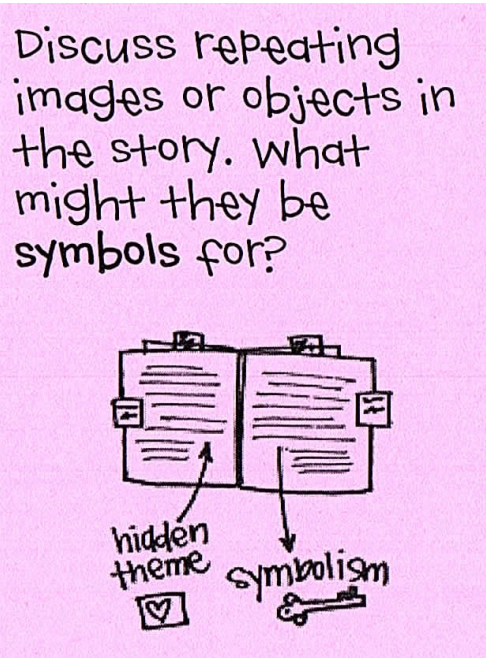
|   |   |   |

| Making Connections: | Theme: | Images/Objects and Symbols: |
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| Evidence: | Evidence: | Evidence: |